

**III. REMARKS**

**A. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1 - 23, 25, 26 and 29 are pending. Claims 24, 27, 28, and 30 - 33 have been cancelled for being directed to a non-elected invention.

**B. Response to Restriction Requirement**

Applicants elect Group 1, including claims 1 - 23, 25, 26 and 29. This election is made without traverse.

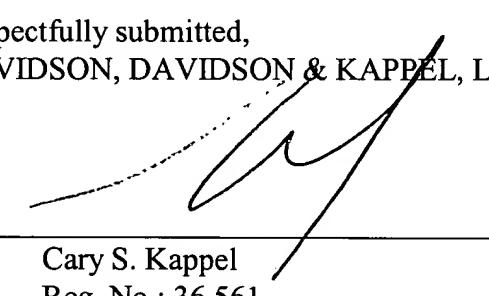
**III. CONCLUSION**

No fee is believed due for this Response. If it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 50-0552.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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